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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE****Applicant(s)** : Lipscomb et al.**Serial No.** : 09/679,688**Filing Date** : 10/05/2000**Title** : Method and System for  
Extracting Application  
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§**Art Unit** : 2152**Examiner**: Beatriz Prieto

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**RESPONSE TO OFFICIAL ACTION : RESTRICTION REQUIRMENT**

Sir:

Applicant has recently selected us to represent them in the prosecution of this matter. We have recently been made aware of the receipt of your Office Action mailed on August 13, 2002. In the Office Action, the US Patent Office has subjected claims 1-27 to a restriction requirement. On behalf of the applicant, and without accepting the arguments posed by the Office regarding the basis for the restriction, we elect to continue prosecution of the first group of claims, namely claims 1-12 and 25-17 and withdraw without prejudice the remaining claims (claims 13-18 and 19-24). This election is simply being made in the interest of furthering prosecution.

In the received Office Action, claim 12 was not listed in any of the claim groups. We are assuming that the examiner intended to list claim 12 in group 1 since claim 12 depends from other group 1 claims.

I have left a separate voice mail message with Examiner Prieto confirming this election. If you have any questions or if there are any matters that can be addressed via telephone, please call Gregory Smith at (678) 579-7822. In addition, please ensure that the address change and Power of Attorney appointment has been entered for this case.

Respectfully submitted

  
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